GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Incidents of Attacks on Vessels
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian sailors capturedby pirates during the last three years andthe current year along with the number ofsailors released subsequently;
(b) the details of shipping lines/routeswhich suffer maximum number of incidentsof attacks on shipping vessels; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken by theGovernment to prevent recurrence of suchincidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a) The number of Indian crewhijacked by pirates during the last three years and the current year along with the number of crew released are as under:-

Year	Indian crew Hijacked	Indian crew Released
2013	46	46
2014	30	29*
2015	Nil	Nil
2016 (Till date)	Nil	Nil

* One Chief Engineer was found dead after attack of pirates.
(b) The shipping routes which suffer incidents of attacks are Gulf of Aden (East Coast of Africa), Malacca Strait and West Coast of Africa.
(c) Steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future are:-
(i) Guidelines for anti-piracy measures issued through Merchant Shipping Notice No.1 of 2011 dated 14.1.2011to be implemented by Indian Ships. The guidelines provide for elaborate anti-piracy measures (Best Management Practices), including safe house/citadel for vessels.
(ii) Banning of sailing vessels to ply in waters south or west of the line adjoining Salalah and Male through Merchant Shipping Notice No. 3/2010 dated 31.3.2010.
(iii) Naval escorts provided by Indian naval ships in the Gulf of Aden since 2008 for Indian flag merchant ships.
(iv) Enhanced vigil by the Indian Navy in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and westward upto 65 degree east longitude.
(v) Active participation of India in the security meetings of the International Maritime Organization, Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) and other international fora.
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